

## House Resolution No. 486

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State youths who admirably demonstrate their true potential as lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders through their achievements as students; and

**Whereas**, Evan Neal Mirts of Jefferson City, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a senior at Jefferson City High School; and

**Whereas**, Evan Mirts recently enhanced his already impressive record of achievement when he was listed as one of forty Finalists in the Intel Science Talent Search scholarship competition, which is one of the most prestigious science fairs in the country; and

**Whereas**, Evan Mirts gained this special recognition for research titled "Scanning Ion Conductance Microscopy of Light-Induced Volume and Surface Area Changes in Chloroplasts in Vitro"; and

**Whereas**, Evan Mirts research marks the first time that anyone, whether student or professional, has successfully examined living, functioning, separated chloroplasts under a microscope; and

**Whereas**, no stranger to honors and accolades, Evan Mirts earned an honorable mention in National Merit Scholarship competition, a listing on the Honor Roll all four years of high school, Rotary Club Student of the Month recognition, induction into the International Thespian Honor Society, Superior ratings at district and state Music Festivals, inclusion in Who's Who Among American High School Students, a gold medal in the national Latin examination, acceptance by the Missouri Scholars Academy, a Dean's Award for Creative Achievement in the Arts from the University of Missouri-Saint Louis, top scores at a district Scholar Bowl tournament, and an Agnes Hudson Lady Award in American Literature; and

**Whereas**, Evan Mirts is the son of Gary L. and Linda D. Mirts, both of whom encourage and support his additional activities in student leadership and as a violinist who performs with the Jefferson City Symphony Orchestra, the Jefferson City Little Theater, and other large and small ensembles:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and academic achievements garnered thus far in life by Evan Mirts and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon being one of forty Finalists in the Intel Science Talent Search; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Evan Neal Mirts of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bill Deeken  
District No. 114

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Representative Sara Lampe  
District No. 138

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 486, adopted February 7, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker